

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 6-9, and 11 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recycling method for a developer supply unit for supplying a developer to developing means for developing an electrostatic latent image formed on an electrophotographic photosensitive member, wherein ~~said~~ the developer supply unit is detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus and includes a developer accommodating portion ~~for~~ accommodating the developer, a developer supply port for supplying the developer to ~~said~~ the developing means, and a feeding member configured to feed ~~for feeding~~ the developer to the developer supply port from the developer accommodating portion and from the developer supply port to the developer accommodating portion, said method comprising:

an injection step of injecting the developer through the developer supply port; and

a driving step of driving the feeding member in a direction for feeding the developer from the developer supply port to the developer accommodating portion, so that ~~by which~~ the developer is fed from the developer supply port to fill the developer accommodating portion with the developer, and

wherein the feeding member rotates in a predetermined rotational direction to feed the developer in an axial direction of the feeding member when the developer is to be fed from the

developer accommodating portion to the developer supply port, and in said driving step, the feeding member is rotated in a direction opposite to the predetermined rotational direction.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said injection step and said driving step are started simultaneously.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said injection step is started after said driving step is started.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein in said injection step, the developer is injected through ~~with said~~ the developer supply port with such an orientation ~~that~~ of the developer supply unit that ~~said~~ the developer supply port faces substantially up.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the developer supply unit has a coupling portion configured and positioned to engage ~~for engagement with~~ a main assembly coupling portion provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus to transmit a rotational driving force to the feeding member when the developer supply unit is mounted to the main assembly of the image forming apparatus, wherein in said driving step, a the rotational driving force is transmitted from the coupling portion to the feeding member.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 6, wherein said driving step includes the step of connecting a driving force generating device ~~for~~ configured to generate ~~generating~~ a rotational driving force with the coupling portion to supply the rotational driving force to the feeding member from the driving force generating device.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 6, wherein said driving step includes the step of connecting the coupling portion with a rotation drive transmission member, wherein the rotation drive transmission member is manually rotated to drive the feeding member.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the developer supply unit includes a supply port cover movable between an opening position for opening the developer supply port and a closing position for closing the developer supply port, wherein the supply port cover is engaged with the main assembly of the apparatus and is moved from t the closing position to the opening position when the developer supply unit is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus,

said method further comprising a supply port opening step of moving the supply port cover to the opening position.

10. (Original) A method according to Claim 9, further comprising a supply port closing step of moving the supply port cover from the opening position to the closing position after said injection step.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said injection step includes a guiding member insertion step of inserting a guiding member through the developer supply port, wherein the developer is injected through the guiding member.